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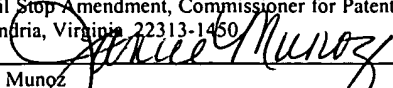
In re Applicants:	Brian Cho	§	Art Unit:	3672
Serial No.:	10/708,973	§		
Filed:	April 5, 2004	§	Examiner:	Matthew J. Smith
Title:	Sealing Mechanism For A Subterranean Well	§	Docket No.	68.0476 (SHL.0317US)
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 50 and 54 without prejudice and amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.

Date of Deposit: December 11, 2006
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